

## Remarks

### Summary

Claims 1-6 were pending. Claims 1 and 3 have been rewritten and Claims 2 and 4 cancelled. No new matter has been added as a result of this amendment. Claims 1, 3, and 5-6 are pending after entry of this amendment.

### Rejection of Claims


Claims 1, 3 and 5-6 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Applicant's Admitted Prior Art (AAPA) in view of Yamamoto (U.S. Patent 6,483,552).

Claims 2 and 4 were objected to as being dependent on a rejected base claim but the Examiner indicated they would be allowable if rewritten in an independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant has rewritten Claims 1 and 3 to incorporate the elements of Claim 2 and Claim 4, respectively, and submits that the pending claims are in condition for allowance.

### Conclusion

Applicants respectfully submit that all of the pending claims are in condition for allowance. If for any reason the Examiner is unable to allow the application in the next Office Action and believes that a telephone interview would be helpful to resolve any remaining issues, he is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,



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